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HILTON HOTEL CLERK SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR STEALING CREDIT CARD NUMBERS FROM HOTEL GUESTS

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that NOEL B. MILLER, 27, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge William B. Shubb to 6 months in federal prison followed by 6 months of home confinement. The defendant must also pay over \$60,000 restitution.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Anne Pings, MILLER pleaded guilty to stealing credit card numbers from 25 guests at the Hilton Hotel off Arden Road in Sacramento where she worked. She gave the credit card numbers to someone else and, for her efforts, received a \$300 Wal-Mart gift card that had been purchased with one of the stolen numbers. There were over \$60,000 worth of fraudulent charges made with the stolen numbers. The defendant pleaded guilty to "Fraud and Related Activity in Connection with an Access Device" before the Honorable William B. Shubb on April 19, 2006.

Judge Shubb, in sentencing the defendant, said that he was disturbed by the fact that Ms. MILLER, when working the front desk of the hotel, looked the guests in the eye and told them to "Have a nice day," and then turned around and stole their numbers, wreaking havoc on their financial lives, causing \$60,000 in loss, and possible identity theft.

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